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REFTELS A AND B WERE FIRST INDICATION TO THIS EMBASSY THAT YUGOSLAVIA WAS BEING CONSIDERED IN CONTEXT OF DEBATE IN CONGRESS ON JACKSON/VANIK AMENDMENT TO THE TRADE BILL. WE NOTE THAT ONE VERSION OF AMENDMENT SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDES YUGOSLAVIA BUT BELIEVE IT STILL WORTHWHILE FOR ADMINISTRATION TO POINT OUT IN HEARINGS THAT YUGOSLAVIA SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE LUMPED TOGETHER WITH OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. YUGOSLAVIA HAS MARKET ECONOMY AND ON THIS POINT ALONE, COULD NOT COME UNDER PROVISIONS OF JACKSON/VANIK AS PRESENTLY WORDED (REF C). FURTHERMORE, YUGOSLAVS HAVE NO RESTRICTIONS ON EMIGRATION, ONE OF CHARACTERISTICS WHICH DISTINGUISH YUGOSLAV BRAND OF COMMUNISM. ANY INDICATION THAT U.S. CONGRESS DOES NOT TAKE THESE FACTS INTO ACCOUNT WOULD PRODUCE STRONG
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REACTION HERE AND WOULD COMPLICATE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR-

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